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Applicant respectfully requests that the references cited herein and on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a be considered in the present application and listed on the face of any eventuating patent.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each listed foreign patent document is enclosed.

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In addition to the above listed references, the Applicant and the undersigned attorney wish to bring the following information to the Examiner's attention in connection with the examination of the above-captioned application. The following items are also listed on the Form PTO/SB/08a which accompanies this Information Disclosure Statement.

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